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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

SUBJECT: QC Review Procedures for Edwards Cases

Beginning with the February 1991 review month, only those Edwards cases which are determined totally program ineligible or which would have a share of cost will be cited as containing a QC error.

In the past, QC reviewers did not conduct full case development including home visits for Edwards cases. If it was determined the MFBU was not entitled to Edwards benefits, the case was cited as ineligible without any determination of potential eligibility for ongoing Medi-Cal. Due to the dramatic increase in the number of Edwards cases, QC has modified its review procedures. Effective with the February 1991 review month, the following procedures will be used:

1. If the case is in the first two months of Edwards eligibility and there is information in the case record that required the county to use a termination code which would have suppressed automatic Edwards eligibility, the case will be cited as INELIGIBLE. Further review work will not be required.
2. If the case is in the first two months of Edwards eligibility and the case record does not reflect information that would have required the county to use such a termination code, the case will be determined ELIGIBLE and coded as a correct case.
3. If the sample month falls within the third month of Edwards eligibility, QC reviewers will determine if there are extenuating circumstances to allow these benefits beyond 60 days, e.g., the county is processing the MC210E, issuing a discontinuance Notice of Action at the end of the month, etc. If such circumstances are found, the case will be considered correct. If there are no extenuating circumstances, further review work will be required to determine if the MFBU was otherwise entitled to ongoing Medi-Cal only (MAO) benefits. If the MFBU is determined ineligible for BOTH Edwards and MAO, the case will be cited as totally INELIGIBLE. If MAO eligibility exists, the case will be coded as eligible. However, cases may be cited for an

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understated share of cost (SOC) if the income exceeds the maintenance need level. A letter will be sent to the county explaining the correct aid code, SOC, etc.

4. If the sample month coincides with the fourth month or beyond of Edwards, further review work will be required to determine if the MFBU is otherwise eligible for ongoing MAO. As described under number 3, the case will be coded as eligible if MAO eligibility is determined. A potential SOC error may exist. QC will cite ineligibility only when it has determined the MFBU is ineligible for ongoing MAO.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Ricardo Bustamante of the Medi-Cal Quality Control Section at (916) 324-0649.

Sincerely,

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